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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, The Fast Flux Test Facility is the nation's most advanced
9 test reactor; and

10 WHEREAS, Numerous independent studies have suggested that the
11 facility could one day be used to produce cancer-curing medical
12 isotopes; and

13 WHEREAS, The facility has also been considered by the Department of
14 Energy for short-term production of tritium for our nation's defense
15 needs; and

16 WHEREAS, Utilizing the Fast Flux Test Facility for this purpose
17 could help postpone construction of more expensive options for tritium
18 production, thus freeing federal dollars for environmental purposes
19 during the Department of Energy's "Ten-Year Cleanup Plan"; and

1 WHEREAS, This would protect Hanford cleanup from budget pressures
2 during this time frame and ensure that the federal government fulfills
3 its responsibilities under the Tri-Party Agreement; and

4 WHEREAS, Private sector involvement in the Fast Flux Test Facility
5 project could further reduce federal expenditures needed for tritium
6 production; and

7 WHEREAS, The use of the Fast Flux Test Facility for the production
8 of cancer-curing medical isotopes could lead to the development of a
9 major cancer treatment center in Washington State; and

10 WHEREAS, Sixty-nine nationally recognized cancer researchers have
11 expressed their strong support for preserving the Fast Flux Test
12 Facility, and have argued that they would find it "unconscionable to
13 shut down the Fast Flux Test Facility without a full review of its
14 potential for future operation, including isotope production"; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Energy is proceeding to deactivate the
16 Fast Flux Test Facility despite overwhelming evidence supporting a
17 decision to develop the facility for medical and tritium production
18 purposes;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the United
20 States Congress and executive agencies halt deactivation of the Fast
21 Flux Test Facility and begin developing the facility for medical and
22 tritium production purposes.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
24 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
25 States, the Secretary of Energy, the President of the United States
26 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of
27 Congress from the State of Washington.

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